

Police Get Only One Complaint On Halloween Night

One of the quietest Halloween nights in history was reported last Friday by the Torrance Police department.

Chief John H. Stroh credited the fine cooperation of parents and children with the police for preventing property damage on the traditional night of mischief. Only one incident, a broken porch light, was reported to police.

Chief Stroh also credited the Waveria School P.T.A.'s party for the children as playing a big part in holding down vandalism, as did the party given by the Pueblo Community Center.

Other Halloween night activities which helped make it "safe and sane" were the three dances held for teenagers, one at Torrance high school, another at the Civic auditorium and the third at the CIO hall.

Palos Verdes Campus Being Landscaped

Forty students now enrolled at the new Palos Verdes college have joined with faculty members and townspeople in a project to landscape the 70 rolling acres which comprise the campus.

A volunteer group of students, educators and citizens are planting trees, flowers and shrubs under the direction of Hammond Sadler, landscape artist who has donated his services to the project.

Prior to the planting, ground was leveled and terraced by grading equipment loaned by Don Pugh, owner of the Pugh Construction Co. of San Pedro, and a member of the college advisory council.

Other recent campus activity includes first publication of a school paper, "The Corral." Flo Ann Hedley, of San Pedro, won a free subscription to the paper in a contest to choose a name for it.

Local Building Total Ranks 13th In Western U.S.

Building permits with a valuation of \$575,665 were issued during the month of October by the Torrance Building Department, boosting the total for the first 10 months of 1947 to \$6,111,298.

Torrance ranks thirteenth among all cities in the western section of the United States on the basis of this figure. September was the biggest month for building this year, with \$1,314,425 in permits being issued. The October building was better than twice that achieved during the corresponding month of 1946, when \$283,405 in permits were issued. This year's amount is already almost twice that of the \$3,066,964 issued in 1946, with almost two months still left.

Fourteen permits totaling \$58,500 were issued during the past week which raised the year's figure to \$6,158,128. Largest single item was the permit given Columbia Steel Co., 840 Border ave., for demolishing its present open hearth smoke stack and erecting a new one. The work will cost \$19,000.

Other recipients of permits during the week were:

William C. Mayer, 1632 Fern ave., garage, \$150.

Herbert Sohn, 1504 Fern ave., residences at 1508 and 1512 Crenshaw blvd., \$5,200 each.

Joe Townsend, 2207 Andreo ave., replastering and addition to present residence, \$600.

Tilman S. Buckingham, 24231 Neece ave., addition, \$1,000.

Lillian M. Snow, 1522 Beech ave., garage, \$1,000.

George Staples, 1417 Greenwood ave., residence at 820 Acacia ave., \$6,100.

Kazuyo Sakayue, Venice, garage at 23060 Samuel ave., \$750, and lath house at 23052 Samuel ave., \$1,000.

J. A. Beasley, 24032 Neece ave., store building, \$700.

Dorothy Redington, 1617 Arlington ave., addition to residence at 1510 Engracia ave., \$2,800.

Litecrete Construction Co., Santa Monica, residence at 265 Vista del Parque, \$13,000.

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By Marty Links



"You can answer this Mom. At what age do you start growing tired of men?"

EL CAMINO COLLEGE CALLS FOR ESTIMATES ON NEW TEMPORARY BUILDINGS HERE

El Camino College Board of Trustees has authorized the calling for bids for additional classroom units to increase the college facilities on Alondra Park to 31 classrooms plus shower rooms, music rooms and service rooms, it was announced this week. They will be new wood temporary buildings. The bids will be opened Nov. 18 at 2 p.m.

The temporary buildings on the permanent El Camino College site at the corner of Redondo Beach and Crenshaw boulevards are being recon- ditioned for occupancy by the beginning of the second semester. The foundations now are being poured, and if good weather continues, the Gallinger Construction Co., contractor, anticipates completion on scheduled time.

At the present time, El Camino College classes are being held in the afternoon and evening in Leuzinger high school, and enrollment is 1,114 students.

President Forrest G. Murdock reported on the need of additional faculty members, due to the unanticipated increase in enrollment and contemplated gains for the second semester and years to come.

Murdock reported that for an ideal teaching situation, five additional teachers for the second semester and ten additional teachers for the next year should be considered, but with the established practice of economy in mind, the Administration is trying to plan the work where by only three teachers should be added for the second semester. The board approved all suggestions made in the report.

El Camino College now is staffed by 32 teachers and instructors and four administrators. The contemplated increase for the second semester will increase the staff to 35 teachers and four administrators.

The present set of buildings now being converted from Army barracks consists of 17 classrooms, an office, cafeteria, library and store. The additional buildings will be of new temporary construction, providing

14 classrooms, a music room and facility buildings.

President Murdock said that registration has stopped for this semester, and that he expects registration to exceed 1,200 at the opening of the second semester in February.

Bad Checks Are Increasing, Chief Warns Merchants

Chief of Police John H. Stroh issued a warning to Torrance merchants after noting that 10 bad checks were passed in Torrance and listed in the monthly police report for October.

Stroh placed much of the blame on the merchant for not being more cautious of persons for whom he is cashing checks.

The chief also warned merchants of shoplifters with the advent of the holiday season.

The report stated that property valued at \$7,454 was stolen during the month with \$4,363.35 of that being recovered by police. Recovery of two of four stolen cars was also reported.

A total of 22 robberies were committed during the month, 19 of which having been of \$50 or less.

Highest number of arrests, 12 were for drunkenness with disorderly conduct second. Persons killed in automobile accidents for the first ten months of the year numbered three, with a total of 72 accidents reported.

A total of 9,035 miles were driven by officers in law enforcement during the month making the total mileage for the year so far, 90,327 mi.

Philharmonic Will Open 29th Season Nov. 13

On Thursday evening, Nov. 13, and Friday afternoon, Nov. 14, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of its music director and conductor, Alfred Wallenstein, will open its 29th season in Philharmonic auditorium. This pair of concerts will mark the beginning of one of the busiest winters in the orchestra's history, with almost one hundred concerts scheduled during a twenty-two weeks' period.

A highlight of the program to be presented will be the introduction to symphony-goers of concertmaster Sascha Jacobsen who will play the exquisite violin passages of Richard Strauss' dramatic tone poem "Ein Heldenleben" "A Hero's Life." Recently appointed by Wallenstein to his new post, Mr. Jacobsen is an internationally celebrated violinist who has garnered additional laurels as leader and organizer of the famed Musical Art Quartet. The composition has been absent from the Philharmonic repertoire since the orchestra's twelfth season.

Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4, known as the "Italian" Symphony, will be presented in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the composer's death. It was on Nov. 4, 1847 that Mendelssohn died in Leipzig at the early age of thirty-eight.

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"Chant of 1942," by the contemporary American composer, Paul Creston, will be presented for the first time at these concerts. First performed in New York on May 3, 1943, the work reflects the moods aroused in the composer by the contemplation of the world-shaking events of the year 1942. It has had frequent performances by the Philadelphia, Buffalo, NBC and National symphony orchestras.

GARDEN CLUB WILL AWARD PRIZES FOR YULETIDE LIGHTING

The Torrance Terrace Garden Club will sponsor an outdoor lighting contest Christmas week this year, according to Mrs. Estelle Ewalt, president.

Prizes of plants will be awarded to winners in two classifications: best Christmas theme arrangement, and prettiest lighting. To be eligible decorations must be outside the home itself, Mrs. Ewalt announced.

Stage Show Begins Nov. 9

The title of the hit comedy "Mary Had A Little," leaves much to be imagined but the show itself has all the answers. It is a daring, spicy show full of voluble humor and some of America's most beautiful girls.

Heading the cast is movie sophisticate, John Hubbard, who as Thomas Cranton III uses his infallible charm to great advantage. Gorgeous Mary Roche of the Broadway stage is Mary White, and according to the title "Mary Had A Little"—but in the course of the events which transpire on the stage of the Belasco Theatre, Los Angeles, beginning Sunday night, Nov. 9, with Sunday matinees, it will be shown that Mary really has a lot of everything. Trouble begins when Mary takes her woe-filled tale to blonde friend Dolores McQuade (scintillating Clara Carleton) and in Dolores' bedroom finds sympathy and misunderstanding. There follows from this delusory conversation a mad and amusing sequence of incidents dreamed up by authors Muriel Herman, Arthur Herzog Jr. and Al Rosen. The three hilarious acts were knowingly directed by Charles Judels, comedian of stage and screen.

Romance blooms eventually in spite of the hectic goings-on; though Mary has been forced by circumstances to resist the pulse-quickening bedside manner of Dr. James Hamilton (Fred Sherman) until the true state of affairs comes to light in the last act.

One special Saturday matinee will be given on Nov. 15. There after on Sundays only. Producers Jack Present and Harry Zevin are presenting this national company of "Mary Had a Little" at specially reduced prices for the Los Angeles engagement only. The production is coming to the Belasco Theatre direct from nearly a year's smash success during its American and Canadian tour.

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